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Message from Minister Shirley Bond

Education Week gives British Columbians an opportunity to recognize the work of staff and teachers in schools, in individual classrooms, and in the lives of students.

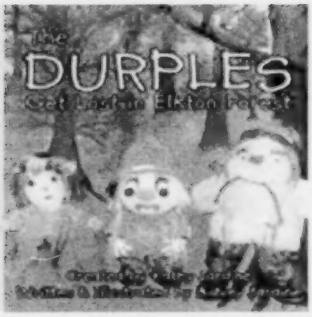
Last week in Victoria, twenty teachers were honoured with the Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence for their work in and out of the classroom. Some are environmental leaders, others raise the social awareness of students, some are being honoured for their lifetime achievement and some are being recognized for outstanding work as a new teacher. There were teachers honoured for their dedication to literacy, to aboriginal students, to healthy living and to preparing our youth for future careers. Each and every one of these teachers has enriched the lives of their students and communities.

We also took time last week to honour the support staff, schools, principals, parents, trustees and teachers for their work with B.C. students. We recognized an elementary school in Chase that has completed more than 4,000 environmentally focused projects, as well as five outstanding principals and schools that are leaders in inclusion for students with special needs. It is important to applaud the accomplishments of those who work in our education system and who contribute to making it one of the best in the country.

Thank you to all of the people who work everyday to ensure the success of our students. Keep up the great work!

PREMIER HONOURS OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Book Corner



The Durples invite children to join them on their adventure in Elkton Forest where they meet many new and unique friends. One of their new friends has a special lesson for the Durples. Through the Durples, children will learn the importance of acceptance, kindness and understand how interesting everyone is despite any differences they may appear to have. Authored by Prince George resident Kathy Jardine and her daughter Ashley, this book is suitable for younger children and carries a strong anti-bullying message.

Lt.-Gov. Steven Point, Education Minister Shirley Bond and MLA John Nuraney, Chair of the Select Standing Committee on Education honoured 20 teachers at the second-annual Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence at Government House. Recipients included beginning and veteran teachers, and those who teach environmental awareness, literacy and healthy living, as well as other categories. News Release

Twenty teachers from around the province are this year's recipients of the Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence for their dedication to students and student learning. ***Read more***

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